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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/506,536	Applicant(s) TANI ET AL.	
	Examiner Susannah Chung	Art Unit 1626	

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Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 April 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 18-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 18 and 21 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 19 and 20 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1 and 18-21 are pending in the instant application. Claims 2-17 are canceled.

Response to Non-Final Office Action

Response and Amendment of Claims

Acknowledgment is made of applicant's response and amendment of the claims filed on 4/20/2007.

35 USC 103(a) Rejection

Claims 1, 18, 19, and 21 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a), as being obvious over the prior art. In view of applicants arguments and support from the Journal of Pharmaceutical Science, the rejection of claims 1, 18, 19, and 21 are obviated.

35 USC 112, 1st Paragraph Rejection

Claim 20 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement because the specification does not enable one skilled in the art to treat dysmenorrheal and retinal neuropathy. Applicants arguments are acknowledged, but found unpersuasive. The journal article in support of "retinal neuropathy" (Nippon Ganka Gakki Zasshi) showing the activity of EP2 to depress intraocular pressure and protection of the nerve is acknowledged, but are directed to a different class of compounds as is the other publication (US publication 2005/0124577).

The pre-grant publication of the instant application can be used to support the instant claim, but paragraphs 0416-0424 do not provide data supporting the binding activity. The EP2 binding activity chart in Applicants remarks on page 12 could not be found in the instant pre-

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grant pub paragraphs 0416 to 0424. Also, Applicants arguments focus on retinal neuropathy, but not dysmenorrhea, an unrelated disorder.

Claims objection

Claim 19 is objected to as a substantial duplicate of Claim 18. The intended use is not a limitation of a compound. *In re Hack*, 114 PQ 161 (CCPA 1957). Therefore, Claim 18 is improper.

Amended claim 20 is objected to because the word “or” is missing between dysmenorrhea and retinal.

Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.


Telephone Inquiry

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Susannah Chung whose telephone number is (571) 272-6098. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8am-5pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph McKane can be reached on (571) 272-0699. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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